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PRIVATE COMPANIES IN TELEPHONE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private companies are also engaged in the work of telephone service and telephone industry besides the Department of Telecommunications;

(b) if so, the names of such companies engaged as on date; and

(c) the extent of increase in the number of said companies after 1995?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The details in respect of the private companies engaged in telephone service industry (providing basic and cellular mobile telephone services) in the year1995 and as on date, are placed at Annexure `A` and `B`.

Annexure- `A`

Sl. No.	Name of the Private Companies engaged in providing Basic Telephone Service in the year 1995	Name of the Private Companies engaged in providing Basic Telephone Service as on date
1	Nil	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.
2	Nil	M/s Hughes Tele. Com Ltd.
3	Nil	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.
4	Nil	M/s Reliance Telecom Ltd.
5	Nil	M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd.
6	Nil	M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd.

Annexure-B

Sl. No.	Name of the private companies who had been granted Licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service upto the year 1995	Name of the private companies engaged in the work of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service as upto date
1	Bharti Cellular Ltd.	Bharti Cellular Ltd.
2	Sterling Cellular Ltd.	Sterling Cellular Ltd.
3	BPL Mobile Communications Ltd.	BPL Mobile Communications Ltd.
4	Hutchison Max Telecom	Hutchison Max Telecom
5	Spice Cell Ltd.	Spice Cell Ltd.
6	Usha Martin Telecom. Ltd.	Usha Martin Telecom. Ltd.
7	RPG Cellular Services Ltd.	RPG Cellular Services Ltd.
8	Skycell Communications	Skycell Communications
9	Aircell Digilink India Ltd.	Aircell Digilink India Ltd.
10	Bharti Mobile Limited	Bharti Mobile Limited
11	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
12	Tata Cellular Ltd.	Tata Cellular Ltd.
13	Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd.

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Bharti Telenet Ltd. Bharti Telenet Ltd.
RPG Cellcom Ltd. RPG Cellcom Ltd.
Birla AT&T Communications Birla AT&T Communications
Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
Hexacom India
Spice Communications Ltd.
Aircel Limited
FASCEL Ltd.